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Comments Supporting Settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust Case

I am a semi-retired attorney who still is able to practice because of the capabilities of using the computer to communicate with long-term clients.

It seems a bizarre concept that millions of people like me would not be able to continue to buy "turn key" information systems as they are developed because some competitor believes its ability to compete is reduced. As I understand it the "bundled" software products:

1. are not being priced at prices that are unaffordable to anyone who can afford the hardware, and so price gouging is not a realistic issue from the point of view of the user;
2. most of us users have neither the knowledge nor the inclination to buy a bunch of separate products and integrate them ourselves; and
3. a combination of new features in software will accelerate their integration and use, providing huge benefits including increased productivity for me and everyone else.

Thus I strongly support the settlement.

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